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amazing Alaskan summer!! We know that a lot of folks did! At Ted Stevens Anchorage Interna-

tional Airport's (ANC), we had an increase of approximately 34,000 passengers, compared to summer 2012! It's exciting to see the tourism and summer travel regain momentum. The airport will continue to work closely with the Alaska September. The final plan for airport Travel Industry Association, Visit Anchorage and other organizations to promote Alaska tourism nationwide and internationally.

On the air cargo side, the global economy continues to be sluggish, and this is reflected in our cargo landing counts. Fortunately, our location still adds value to the carriers, and although the numbers are down, ANC remains the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest cargo airport in the U.S., and the 5<sup>th</sup> busiest cargo airport in the world.

Inside the newsletter, you'll find an article about the 2013 Alaska International Air Cargo Summit. Overall, our goal is to use the special Air Cargo Transfer Rights under the Stevens Amendment to promote ANC as a hub of expanded commercial air cargo activity, which will translate directly into a busier airport and more local jobs for Alaskans.

Public meetings were held in September regarding our two on-going projects: the Federal Aviation Regulation's (FAR) Part 150 Noise Study and the Airport's Master Plan Update. The FAR Part 150 Noise Study's purpose is to reduce the number of people affected by significant

I hope you all were able aircraft noise levels within acceptable economic, to get out and enjoy that environmental and legal parameters. Public

Open House and Study Input Committee meetings are scheduled for November. Find out more information at: http://anc150study.com/.

The Master Plan Update is now in its final stages. Five Airport Development Alternatives were presented in the spring, public comment was gathered, and the draft plan for future development was presented at public meetings in development will be shared at public meetings in November. More information is available at: www.ancmasterplan.com.

Looking even a bit farther forward to our next busy passenger season, I'd like to remind you to arrive at the airport at least 2 hours prior to your scheduled flight departure. What to do with that extra time? Relax and enjoy the beautiful terminal, view the art, grab a bite to eat, find a good book, get a massage, and explore in the unique airport gift shops. Relax and enjoy yourself before starting out on your next adventure, we have everything you need to make your travels comfortable and stress free!

Cheers! John Parrott

Stay up to date on Airport Projects:

Part 150 Noise Study project website: http://anc150study.com/

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mall Tribute to Those Who Gave So Much. A Memorable, Safe, and Rewarding Tour of Honor

#### LAST FRONTIER HONOR FLIGHT

<u>The Last Frontier Honor Flight, Inc.</u> was formed in January 2013 for the purpose of getting all of Alaska's World War II veterans, Alaska Territorial Guard and Korean War veterans to Washington, D.C., to honor them at the nation's capital.

Through a variety of public fundraising efforts, the group has raised \$75,000 to cover the cost of airline tickets, ground transportation, overnight accommodations, and meals for the group though out the trip. The inaugural Last Frontier Honor Flight departed Anchorage on October 22, 2013!

Aged between 86 and 95 years, some of them wheelchair bound, each veteran is accompanied by an escort, called a Guardian. The 25 veterans and 25 guardians spent the night in Portland and continued to Washington, D.C. the following day. The group will return to Anchorage at 12:05 p.m. on Saturday, October 26. The public is invited to welcome them home upon their arrival in the main atrium of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport!

In the future, The Last Frontier Honor flight plans to fundraise and coordinate two flights per year, one in the spring and one in the fall, until all of Alaska's veterans have had the opportunity to visit their memorials.

The Alaska hub is just one of 120 hubs of the <u>Honor Flight Network</u>. The idea was conceived in 2005 by Earl Morse, a retired Air Force Captain and Physician's Assistant, who had worked with veterans for 27 years. Earl wanted to honor the veterans he had been caring for by taking them to the newly completed World War II memorial in Washington, D.C.



Earl, a private pilot, initially flew veterans to the capital himself. However, the idea grew rapidly and by 2006, all the Honor Flights were handled by commercial air carriers. To date more than 110,000 veterans have visited Washington, D.C. through the network to see the memorials that were built to honor their service and sacrifice. Top priority is given to World War II and terminally ill veterans of all wars. Programs will shift to Korean War, Vietnam War and all other veterans who served, on a chronological basis.

To learn more about The Last Frontier Honor Flight, Inc., please call Terry Archibald at 907-223-4992, toll free 877-560-8542 or visit their website:

www.tlfhonorflight.org, Additional information about the Honor Flight Network is available at:

www.honorflight.org.

- Article by Last Frontier Honor Flight, Inc.

# 2013 STAND DOWN FOR VETERANS IN NEED

—Warm boots and jackets await new owners, photo courtesy Stand Down, Inc.

October 4, 2013 marked the third year that the airport's North Terminal has been selected as the venue for the Annual Stand Down for Veterans in Need

The event, organized and promoted by Stand Down, Inc., a private non-profit, provides clothing, medical, dental and vision screenings to veterans in need in the Anchorage area.

The Stand Down ran from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and featured a hot dinner for all who attended. Organizers of the event estimate that over 250 veterans attended. Booths offered a wide variety of services, including haircuts, information on employment opportunities, housing and financial assistance, and counseling.

"Alaska is home to the highest number of Veterans per capita. It's not an easy environment, especially

as we come closer to the winter months. We are pleased to do what we can to reach out to the Veterans in Need in our community," said Marcia Hoffman-DeVoe, 2013 Chairperson, Stand Down, Inc.



# 2013 ALASKA INTERNATIONAL AIR CARGO SUMMIT

Representatives from eighteen air cargo carriers as well as key cargo industry players gathered in Anchorage recently for the Alaska International Air Cargo Summit. This Summit — the only invitational executive level conference in the world focused exclusively on the North American-Asian air cargo market — provided a detailed overview of unique opportunities for international air cargo transfer in

Alaska and how these options may benefit the carriers.

Under the Stevens Amendment, Alaska's international airports are able to allow transfer of cargo from one air carrier to another without being considered to have broken its international journey. This allows for interline to/from U.S. and non-U.S. carriers, transfer on line between flights, change of gauge "starburst" flights, and co-mingling of US and non-US traffic on the same flight.

Summits held in 2010 and 2011 featured experts who have discussed the unique Alaska expanded air cargo transfer rights and service opportunities from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Alaska International Airport System (AIAS) legal counsel.

The 2013 summit expanded on this theme with panels that addressed facilitating partnerships between AIAS, the airlines, and the airport service providers, including ground handlers, cargo terminal operators, and aircraft maintenance providers. The focus of this summit was to determine how these entities can work together to meet the challenges of a changing and difficult business environment.



—2013 Alaska International Air Cargo Summit; photo by Ron Stapleton

Topics of discussion included AIAS's future business and financial plans, the current state of the airline industry and implications current trends may have on traffic levels at AIAS and the business case supporting the use of Alaska's special air cargo transfer rights. Aviation experts addressed specifics of the special cargo transfer authorities available to cargo carriers operating at Alaska's international airports. Speakers included Robert Finamore, Office of International Aviation, U.S. Department of Transportation; Russell N. Tom, Boeing Commercial Airplanes; and Professor Jianwen Tian, Civil Aviation Management Institute of China (CAMIC).

"Overall, our message is that together we can make great use of the special transfer rules afforded to Alaska's international airports under the Stevens Amendment. We can create niche opportunities that can only be fulfilled in Alaska, making everyone more successful," said John Parrott, Airport Manager at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC).

"We will continue to develop the relationships that were built at the Cargo Summit," said Trudy Wassel, Division Operations Manager at ANC. "It takes time to fully understand and embrace the potential to be realized under the Stevens Amendment. We plan to provide additional opportunities to carriers, forwarders and regulatory agencies to get together to explore ideas in upcoming months."

It was a great event, and the AIAS thanks everyone who attended the Summit for their participation. We also thank our sponsors, who helped us to put on a world-class event:

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# LEASING UPDATE

Can you say..."Welcome to Alaska!"

Bring on the passengers! Summer, 2013 brought over 34,000 more passengers through Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport than came through the summer prior. We are delighted to have increased flights and new connections offered by many of our airlines over the summer months. New service from Icelandair and Virgin America provide exciting additions for summer travelers. We look forward to having all of you back next year!

# Concessions Update

Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Co. opened for business last winter, and was instantly a hit with our winter passengers and employees. Well, it seems the tourists like it, too! This summer the revenues exceeded expectations. The menu is being updated a bit to meet customer tastes and demand. Try the blueberry cream soda for something new and refreshing. In fact, take home a growler for the whole family to enjoy!



The landside expansion of the Norton Sound Seafood House was delayed a bit with changes to the design of the space. We anticipate that construction on the project should begin by November. It will be a fantastic addition to our landside options. The Dish Sushi Bar & Japanese Restaurant opening has also been delayed, however, we hope that construction will begin within the next few months.



Grizzly Pizza and Wings opened late last spring, and is doing well. They recently announced that they will soon be offering full size pizzas for purchase. Just think, you can stop by and pick up a pizza to take home and share with your friends and family while you watch the game!

The Brookstone store will be getting a face-lift soon, replacing wood accents with white surfaces. Don't worry, though! There are no plans to change the product line – you'll still be able to find cool gadgets, toys and just the right gift item!



If you've been to the C Concourse recently, you'll have noticed the really tall construction walls. Behind the walls construction has begun on the Northern Lights Spa. This new concession will offer chair massage, full body massage, manicures, pedicures, facials, haircuts, and associated products.

-Article by ANC Leasing

# NEW ROUND-THE-WORLD FREIGHTER ROUTING

This summer, Etihad Cargo and Atlas Air partnered to operate round-the-world freighter routing.

Etihad signed a multi-year aircraft, crew, maintenance and insurance (ACMI) agreement with Atlas Air for the B747-8 Freighter, which entered service in June. 2013.

The jointly operated routing agreement connects Etihad Cargo's Abu Dhabi hub with destinations in Asia, the US, South America and Europe.



-Photo by ANC Ops Officer Conway

We're delighted to see these 747-8F's stopping at ANC!

# AIRPORT POLICE AND FIRE

#### **Recruits!**

Congratulations to our new recruits! Orean Yi, Richard Harrop, Laura Ingham, Michael Faris, and David Beaulieu have now successfully completed all three state certified fire academies to include Fire Fighter One, Fire Fighter Two, and Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting. They will now transition to the OJT portion of their training and will join the ranks of fully certified Anchorage Airport Police and Fire Officers by the end of the year.

"Our recruits have worked extremely hard to get to this stage. Having now completed the Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy and all three Fire Fighting Academies places them among the best in the nation," said Chief Jesse Davis. "I am extremely proud of them for their accomplishments, and proud to serve alongside them."

Our recruits at the completion ceremony: (L--R) Orean Yi, Richard Harrop, Laura Ingham, Michael Faris, David Beaulieu.

## Fill The Boot!



On Friday, August 30, 2013, the Anchorage Airport's Police and

Fire Department joined other local fire fighters in the nationwide fundraising effort called "Fill The Boot". Funds received during the campaign will stay in Alaska to benefit young people diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy.

Volunteers place themselves strategically at street corners offering their boot to receive cash or small change from commuters and passersby.

Officer Mike Farmer took on the role of organizing the airport's volunteer crew. Along with him, volunteers included: dispatchers Veronica Smith and Heidi O'Connell; Officers Doug Kemper, Adam Ronchetti, Dan Harmeling, Treat Main, John Maddy, Brandon Lewis, Sven Hall and Eric Thompson. Through their hard work, this year the airport's volunteers raised approximately \$5740 in just three hours!



APF Officer Brandon Lewis

Chief Jesse Davis said, "2013 marks the third year that the airport has participated in this program. Each year we have had more volunteers and have raised more funds for this great cause. My thanks go to those volunteers who made it happen, if not for them, this would not have been realized. This year we raised almost \$2,000 more than in past years!"

Deputy Chief David Schulling added, "The Chief and I have received positive feedback from the public and especially from a few of our retirees who were proud to see you out there 'flying the colors'. Thank you all for your hard work!"

# Firefighter Stair Mill Challenge

Anchorage Airport's Police and Fire Department joined Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) crew to participate in the September 11<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Stair Mill Challenge. The nationwide event is held to commemorate the heroic efforts of New York City



Our recruits on the team: Faris, Beaulieu and Harrop

firefighters and first responders after the attack on September 11, 2001, who climbed the stairs of the World Trade Center, trying to rescue victims before the buildings collapsed.

Local firefighters donned full rescue gear for the event: turnouts, boots,

helmet and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) — weighing approximately 35 pounds. Once geared up, they climbed as many floors as they could in 11 minutes. Overall King of the Mill was AFD's Wes Tibbetts, with 90 floors completed. Our new recruits averaged about 60 floors each! — Photos and article by Airport Police and Fire



APF Stair Mill Challenge Team: (L-R) Michael Faris, David Beaulieu, Dave Schulling and Richard Harrop

# A JOB WELL DONE!

Born and raised in Kansas, Dave Wilson had been drafted into the army for a two year stint following the Cuban Missile Crisis. Looking forward to adventure at that time, he found himself instead at Ft. Leonard on the state line between Kansas and Oklahoma, just 500 miles away from home, and assigned in an office as a clerk. He says with a chuckle, "Now that was the worst job I ever had, and they didn't ask me back!"

It was up to Dave to find his own adventure, and find it he did. Mechanically inclined and a jack of all trades, he signed on to work for a military contractor as an aviation mechanic. This took him throughout Asia and briefly brought him to work in Anchorage at Kulis Air National Guard and Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Upon returning to the States, Dave met his wife, and moved to Alaska permanently in 1967. He began working at Northern Air Cargo (NAC) as an aircraft maintenance mechanic, and was promoted to Director of Aircraft Maintenance over the course of his tenure. He loved working as an aircraft mechanic because there was so much to learn with all the different types of aircraft that required maintenance work. Dave later became NAC's Superintendent of Facility Maintenance, overseeing NAC's buildings statewide. In this capacity, Dave has traveled throughout the state overseeing projects and managing contractors.



-Dave Wilson, Photo courtesy NAC

Looking back on it, he says that working at Northern Air Cargo for more than 35 years has been the greatest experience ever. He said "it's the great people, and the hard work that I have enjoyed so much."



Sign on the NAC access Gate E8

"They just don't make 'em like Dave Wilson anymore," said David Karp, president & CEO of Northern Air Cargo. "Dave's demeanor, coupled with his work ethic and commitment to the company, have served us very well. His daily presence will be missed by all of us but he will always be part of the NAC family. We wish him well in his well-deserved retirement but we hope he comes back to visit often".

# AIRFIELD MAINTENANCE: READY FOR SNOW!



Are you ready for the snow to fly? Airfield Maintenance (AFM) has everything prepped, primed and ready to go!

This is what it takes to back up the claim that Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is never closed for snow.

Thank you Zaramie
Lindseth for being the
mastermind in
coordinating this recent
photo of Airfield
Maintenance equipment
and crew!

We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to keeping the airport open and ready for business.